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The cited references are mentioned in the Search Report (copy enclosed) of applicant's corresponding International patent application and are believed relevant for at least that reason. The Search Report is dated May 31, 2002. Thus, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e) applicant's undersigned representative hereby certifies that the references listed were cited in applicant's corresponding International application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. The enclosed copy of the International Search Report satisfies the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance.

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